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25X1 Border Guard Buildings in Voden

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25X1 1. The battalion headquarters of an unidentified Border Guard unit are located  
25X1 near the school and the church in the southeastern section of Voden (N4205  
E2653), Elkhovo okoliya, in the former home of Prodan Vlahov [REDACTED]

25X1 E2653), Elkhovo okoliya, in the former home of Prodan Vlahov [redacted]

[redacted] This building houses 11 officers, telephone technicians, sentries, and privates. Another building, located approximately 50 meters north of headquarters, houses a platoon of 30 Border Guard privates.

2. A radio station is located near battalion headquarters, in the former home of Georgi Maznikov. This is a 2-story stone building approximately eight by ten meters in size. An antenna two meters high, topped by three rods 50-60 centimeters long, is located on the roof of the building.

3. Prior to 1949, the commander of the Voden Border Guard post was Captain Bayraktarov, who is no relation to Georgi Bayraktarov, the former chief of the Voden People's Council.

4. Four Border Guard posts are known to be attached to this Border Guard battalion, and each one is located approximately one kilometer from the border and composed of 20 to 30 soldiers. These posts are located as follows:

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- a. Two kilometers south of Kraynovo (N4201 E2651) at Tri Cheshmi (sic);
  - b. Two to three kilometers east of Kraynovo and four to five kilometers from Tri Cheshmi (sic) at Belata Voda (N4200 E2654);
  - c. Six kilometers east of Belata Voda, at Shlaka Bair (N4201 E2657); and
  - d. In the vicinity of Strandzha (N4203 E2658).
5. The Border Guard posts communicate with each other and with battalion headquarters by telephone and by courier.

Controls in the Voden-Kraynovo Area

6. Special Permission is required to visit those areas where the border crosses a mountain. Hunting is not permitted in the border area.
7. Most shepherds are not allowed to pasture their flocks within one kilometer from the border. Residents of Voden excepted from this rule are Stoyan Zheleskov Keryazov, Yanko Stoyanov Sazkov, and Dimitur (lnu), who carries a "Mauser carbine." These three men are members of the Agricultural Cooperative and are Communists.
8. Patrols in this area are made on foot at day and at night. Two soldiers patrol together. A trained soldier, carrying a Shpagin submachine gun and hand grenades, precedes by two paces an untrained soldier, who carries a Vintovka rifle and hand grenades. These men patrol half the distance between adjacent border stations and additional guards lie in ambush. Dogs are used at night and sometimes during the day.
9. Barriers are located in this area as follows:

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- a. [redacted] three kilometers south of Kraynovo, a strip five to six meters wide and parallel to the border, was cut among the trees; the ground was not plowed; and

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- b. [redacted] a single line of barbed wire has been placed 200 meters from the border, to the south of Kraynovo; there is a four meter plowed strip on the Bulgarian side of the barbed wire; a truckload of barbed wire has arrived at Gorniya Sazlik (sic), four to five kilometers southwest of Kraynovo, and one kilometer from the border, and is to be used for a similar fence.

War Groups (Voyna Grupa)

10. After 1944, a war group was formed in Voden from Communist Party members. Members of the group wear civilian clothes and keep their weapons (rifles and hand grenades supplied from the Border Guard units by the Communist Party) in their homes. In the evening, they go to the outskirts of Voden and to the border areas to assist the Border Guards in organizing ambushes to thwart possible border crossers. They return home before dawn to avoid being seen by other villagers.

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